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MIS Teams Prepare For Bahamas, South Africa

Gina Band

Contributing Writer

Two Missions Involvement Service teams are choosing to trade a commercialized American yuletide for a cross-cultural Christmas with a mission, and will spend their break serving overseas.

One of the teams, led by Carol Bliss and Molly Parvin, will be traveling to Eleuthera Island, Bahamas to work on construction projects at the Eleuthera Bible Training Center. Their ministry will not be limited to construction, as they will perform skits in church services and help in a vacation Bible school.

While construction is their primary goal, they will also be focusing on reaching children between the ages of 5 and 15 for Christ.

Junior Erica Linafelter is excited about her trip to Eleuthera and attests to the tight-knit con-



Members of the MIS trip to the Bahamas will work on construction projects and help in church ministry. W. Jenks/ Cedars

sistency of the team. "Every Sunday night we have had team meetings, as well as activities on the weekends, to build team

unity. Also, we have been the infamous group who, once a week, sits together in chapel in very bright clothing," she said.

This is not Linafelter's first missions trip. "When I was in high school I spent two weeks in Spain on a short term missions

trip through my church. Other than that, I did Habitat For Humanity my freshman year in North Carolina with a group of CU students," she said.

This missions trip is unique for her, however. "I think that we have a unity unlike any other. The teams bonded instantly and are very supportive of each other," she said.

Junior Ryan Flunker, Linafelter's teammate, said, "We all share the bond of wanting to sacrifice our time and priorities to work in whatever way is needed. I love the friends," said Flunker. The Eleuthera team has been bonding by sharing testimonies, singing, and sending encouraging e-mails.

But the team is serious about their purpose. They desire to touch lives and make a difference. "There is a great need for Christian female role models, and our goal will be to reach out to

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Council To Facilitate Interaction Among Colleges

Carrie Schaeffer

Contributing Writer

Representatives from the student governments of Cedarville, Central State, Wittenburg, Antioch, Sinclair, and Wilberforce met at Cedarville on Thurs., Nov. 15, in an attempt to encourage interaction between schools. The result was an intercollegiate council involving representatives from the six schools.

The council will organize activities among the colleges that will encourage students from the different schools to bridge the gap of their differences and get to know each other. Committee member David Zelenka said, "I think primarily that we provide students the opportunity to meet people from other schools."

Another committee member, Sarah Weaver, said, "My hope for this council is to build lasting relationships with the surrounding colleges that will not

only last this year, but years to come. I would like to see Cedarville students reach out of 'the bubble' and build relationships with their peers at other colleges, to get interaction and views of those who are not the typical Cedarvillians. We have a lot to learn from them, just as they do from us."

The schools represented in the council include a Lutheran college, a predominantly white, Protestant university, and a historical black college. Zelenka, a

senior, believes that the differences of the students will aid in the building of relationships. "New friendships [will be] formed, not because of similarities, but because of differences. Any time you can get a look at life from a different perspective, you gain knowledge, fresh ideas. Sometimes we get stale. We have great potential in the differences," he said.

There seems to be an understanding at this point among the committee members that reli-

gious differences should not get in the way, but should rather be discussed and understood, the goal being to learn the differences and not let them be a problem. Student Government Association President Seth Martin said, "I don't believe that we are interested in compromising our faith. However, I am very ready to listen to their ideas with respect, [and] they have already proven that they are willing to do the same."

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News

Students, Faculty Trot Away With Turkey Prizes

Cindy Rich
Contributing Writer

On Sat., Nov. 17, University students, staff, and faculty gathered at the track for the annual Turkey Trot. This tradition, brought back in recent years by Mark Mathews, is a five-kilometer run around the campus. Runners were separated into categories: women, men 18 to 34, and men 35 and up. The second place runner in each category received 10-dollar gift certificates to the campus bookstore, and first place runners won a pre-cooked turkey in addition to the gift certificate.

This year's foggy conditions did little to slow down the racers. Julia Roberts, first place runner in the women's category with a time of 20:45, said, "The fog didn't affect anything. I like running when it's cold and cloudy." Her sister, Rachel Rob-



Dr. Thompson (left) and Curdis Minor both placed in the race. W. Jenks/ Cedars

erts, was second place in the women's category with a time of 21:06. In the men's 18-34 cat-

egory, Jeremy Estes came in first. His time of 17:40 was closely followed by Daniel

Rasbach's 17:42. In the category of men 35 and up, Paul Orchard was first, with a time of 18:25. Second was Thomas Thompson, finishing at 19:32.

The race began at the track, wound around the back of the Stevens Student Center and Cedar Lake, then doubled back to circle the softball field and cemetery, ending back on the track.

Runners held varied opinions about the difficulty of the course. "Even though you wouldn't say we have any hills here at Cedarville, I'm so used to just running on the flat track, that the gradual 'inclinations' around campus were getting tough by the end of the race," Orchard said.

Thompson, on the other hand, said that "the course was very reasonable."

"The course did not really affect anything," Rasbach said. "It was the pace." During the race, he followed close behind Estes,

who found Rasbach to be helpful competition.

"Dan encouraged me throughout most of the race, which got my mind off my weaknesses," Estes said.

First place winners of the race walked away with their turkeys and gift certificates, already planning on when they would eat their prizes. "I'm so thankful," Julia Roberts said. "I'm just having a small thanksgiving with my sister, my brother, and his roommate, it worked out perfectly."

Estes was planning on taking his turkey to his grandma's house to share with the family. Orchard, whose small son cheered him on during the race and insisted on carrying the turkey for him, mentioned that they might save it for Christmas dinner.

With the five-kilometer race behind them, the runners said they all shared a similar feeling of relief.

Department Of Nursing To Receive CCNE Accreditation

Kimberly Eridon
Lead Writer

Cedarville University's department of nursing received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) this past November.

The National League for Nursing (NLN) granted the department of nursing initial accreditation in 1985 and re-accredited the department in 1993 without any recommendations for improvement.

Since then, the CCNE has been established to accredit baccalaureate and higher degree programs in nursing. The CU department of nursing decided to seek accreditation from this specialized commission.

Dr. Irene Alyn, professor and chair of the nursing department since 1981, said, "Our goal was to participate in this evaluation process in a way that would bring glory to God, be a strong testimony for Jesus Christ, and demonstrate the excellence of

Cedarville University's nursing program."

The department of nursing started preparing for the accreditation three years ago. That preparation included tasks such as collecting/ analyzing data for the 200 page self-study report and writing/ editing parts of the report. After completing the report, the nursing department sent it to the CCNE where two nursing educators and one practice nurse read the report before conducting the on-site portion of the evaluation process.

Dr. Elizabeth Kudsma, Dr. Marjorie Maddox, and Ms. Nancy Sybert conducted the on-site evaluation on Nov. 7-9. Alyn said, "They asked many questions including, 'To what extent does being a Christian cause conflict in your nursing practice?' The alumni and faculty simply explained in a variety of ways that they are Christians who live out their Christian lifestyle at work by giving the best care that they can to every-

one and are available to 'give an answer to everyone who asks for the hope that lies within them.'"

The on-site evaluators read material by faculty members and students and, by doing so, gained a better understanding of the nursing program. They also interviewed representatives from academic, career, and computer services, as well as library personnel, non-nursing faculty, the missions involvement services department, administrators, nursing students, faculty, and alumni.

The on-site evaluators concluded that all the standards and sub-parts of the standards were met successfully.

Alyn was pleased with the results. She said, "The outstanding report resulted from God's blessing, the excellence of the department of nursing students/ faculty, support from Cedarville administrators and other CU departments, and the outstanding facilities."

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News

Senior Interns For WORLD Journalism Institute

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Contributing Writer

Most seniors are just beginning the job search – sending out resumes and hesitantly taking other steps into their approaching future. But senior Charlie Shifflett is not just sitting around waiting for prospective employers to come knocking on his door. He is actively pursuing his career in journalism.

Shifflett, a Bible comprehensive major with minors in Greek, English, and creative writing, spent a month this summer at the WORLD Journalism Institute. The Institute, located in Asheville, NC, purposes to “train Christian journalists to be able to think and also to write on the secular turf,” said Shifflett. Through his learning experiences at WORLD and his interviews with people like Katherine Harris and Lisa Beamer, he has gained a new respect for his upcoming career in journalism.

At the Institute, Shifflett was required to read three books and write essays on them, attend lectures daily for four weeks, and take on five story assignments. Shifflett enjoyed the lectures, which dealt with theology in the mornings and journalism in the afternoons. Because WORLD has a Reformed background, the Institute focused heavily on theology, Shifflett said. The morning sessions began with devotionals by a pastor, with philosophers and theologians contributing to the spiritual atmosphere of the morning program.

In addition, the Institute gave the students practical experience of bringing in professionals, including a photojournalism professor from Gardner-Webb University and a few WORLD staff reporters.

Twenty students from Christian and secular universities throughout the United States participated in the program. Shifflett’s roommate was from the University of North Texas, and others he knew were from California and Iowa. Despite differences, their bond in Christ and their desire to become journalists knit them together.



Senior Charlie Shifflett interned for WORLD this summer. W. Jenks/ Cedars

The journalistic experience did not end with the cessation of classes. Each student must write eight stories, one every two weeks through December, and have them run by the Mailbag Editor at WORLD, Les Sillars, in order to be considered a Fellow of the Institute.

Shifflett has written about several people, and while at home in Tallahassee, Fla., he had the opportunity to interview Secretary of State Katherine Harris. Harris was the center of national news last year during the Florida ballot debate, and she is currently running for the House of Representatives in Florida.

Shifflett also interviewed Lisa Beamer, wife of Todd Beamer, who died on the United Airlines plane crash in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11. Shifflett spoke with her on the topic of her faith, since she had been so unapologetically Christian in her national interviews. “I had an opportunity to talk [with her] about [her faith] focusing on the sovereignty of God. Her faith struggles during this time,” Shifflett said. “And in doing that, I found out that at

15, she had lost her dad suddenly, which in turn, kind of helped her prepare for something like this.”

Shifflett also wrote an article on racial tensions in Cincinnati and gathered information by riding alongside Cincinnati police officer, Iris Kelly, in the “Over the Rhine” district one night during her 1-9 p.m. shift.

The Cincinnati riots sparked interest for Shifflett, and he decided to investigate. He learned that, as a result of the riots, the Cincinnati Police Department came under much criticism. Since those events, violent crime has been on the rise in Cincinnati. The Officer Roach shooting was the 16th shooting since 1995 by a Cincinnati officer. The media jumped on the situation with accusations of racial profiling. Shifflett attempted to “gauge the department to see how are they dealing with this, and interact with and observe the culture.”

Shifflett’s surveillance of Over the Rhine was eye-opening. A low-income community with its own entertainment district, Over

the Rhine attracts people with its techno and blues clubs. But the area is also filled with burnt-out buildings, crowded living conditions, and crime. And “everyone is doubting the police department,” Shifflett said. “You have this lack of trust from everyone, it seems, from every side.”

Kelly grew up in the Over the Rhine community and shared many stories with Shifflett. “It was overwhelming for me,” Shifflett said. “I grew up in suburban Tallahassee. So going 15 miles an hour down crowded streets was a little bit different for me.”

Through his experience at the Institute and his interviews with Harris, Beamer, and Kelly, he was introduced to the world of journalism.

“I learned how overwhelming it is to do news on a larger scale. I tend to be a more timid, quiet

person. When I have a job to do, I’ll do it. But I normally wouldn’t go up and talk to someone. It helped me to become a little more confident, in that sense.

“Some things I learned weren’t even directly involved in journalism – people I met, other students there. I learned how hard it is, how much work it is to do journalism. You’re never done with your article. You are done in the sense that it’s due, and there’s always more you could work on. The editor will send them back, torn apart, and I’ll be like, ‘Oh man, I thought that was great,’” Shifflett said.

But he definitely has his foot in the door. Although Shifflett has not been published in WORLD yet, some of his stories, including the pieces on Harris and Beamer, will be published in their year-end edition.

Health Food Store Added Downtown

Megan Grove
Contributing Writer

Sweet and Natural, a new health food store located on Main Street in Cedarville, opened on Sept. 1. It is located between a small flower shop and the unoccupied remnant of an antique store.

It may seem strange that this modern health food fetish would reach as far as rural Ohio, where emphasis is not placed upon exotic herbs such as Echinacea and Ginseng but upon the milk productivity of cows and the amount of corn harvested in a season.

However, Chris and Tessa Scott, the owners of Sweet and Natural, believed that a such a store would be a nice addition to downtown Cedarville.

“We have been in the health food business for ten years,”

said Chris Scott. “We really like the town of Cedarville and thought a health food store would be appreciated.”

The shelves display variations of the usual items, such as Power Bars and herbal teas.

“We have a lot of healthy snacks and alternatives to junk food,” Chris Scott said about the products in his store. “Our most popular products are the low-carb snacks.”

Both college students and the Cedarville town are taking advantage of what the store has to offer.

“I go to health food stores because they have more of a selection of specialty foods and products that a regular drug/ grocery store would not have,” said sophomore Liz Clawson.

Sweet and Natural is open Tues. – Fri., 1-5 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Audit Team Completes First Assessment, Report To Come

Abby Brown
Contributing Writer

Three colleges, Wheaton, Asbury, and Westmont, sent representatives to conduct an audit of Cedarville University. Samuel Shellhamer, Joseph Brockinton, and Jane Higa met with students, deans, and coaches, along with numerous other people to find out exactly what happens on a day-to-day basis at the University.

Vice President of Student Services Carl Ruby said, "The campus life audit has been a great benefit to me as a relatively new and inexperienced administrator. There was over 50 years of collective experience on the audit team and I value their wisdom about how we can have the greatest possible positive impact on our students."

Ruby enjoyed his interaction with the three representatives. "I was impressed, not only with their knowledge about student development, but also with their commitment to Christ and to Christian education. They had an appreciation for Cedarville, and

for our mission. Their goal isn't to turn us into a Wheaton, an Asbury, or a Westmont. Their goal is to help us honor Christ by being the best school that we can be here at Cedarville."

Some recurring questions pertained to everyone on the campus such as: Why do students come here? What qualities should the University president have? Do students believe that they have the access that they need to the University administration on issues of importance to them?

Ruby said, "I will be sent a preliminary report before Christmas. The report will consist of information on the current campus environment, major institutional themes, accommodations, and future challenges." Shellhamer, Brockinton, and Higa will be back on campus Feb. 24-26 to follow up and meet with a different set of University representatives.

"During their first visit, the auditors met with nearly 50 students. When they come back in February they want to meet with honors students, students who've been suspended or dis-

missed, students who are not part of the mainstream, and a couple of groups that are selected totally at random. They will also spend two hours at Chuck's going from table to table, talking to as many students as possible about student perceptions of the University," said Ruby.

The final report will come back during spring quarter with long-range issues for the student services division to work with. Only one to two colleges in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities have campus audits each year and only by invitation.

Ruby said, "At the end of their [campus auditors] first visit we met and they shared some of their initial impressions. They complimented Cedarville for our great facilities, our clear sense of mission, and strong presidential leadership. They were also impressed with the strong family atmosphere here. When the final report comes, I'm sure that they will also identify some challenges and suggest areas where we could improve our service to students."

Seminar Promotes Women's Roles In Local Churches

Katie O'Brien
Contributing Writer

Gamma Chi hosted the Church Involvement Seminar to help train and equip women to become an active part of a local church, during college and in the years to follow. While the Nov. 17 event was held primarily in order to inform freshman women on campus, the seminar was open to all female students.

Kirsten Gibbs, associate dean of students, and Andrea Endicott, church and school relations assistant, were the special speakers for the seminar.

Gibbs discussed the importance of church involvement. Senior Shannon Grimm, who attended the seminar said, "I really appreciated what Kirsten had to say about single women getting involved in the church. She stressed that when we look for a church, we should

not be trying to meet our needs. Instead, we should be looking for a church that we can serve in."

Endicott informed the group about spiritual gifts and using them within a local church body. She also shared a personal testimony about how she became involved in her church.

Ten girls attended, which is a relatively small group, but Gamma Chi was optimistic. "We decided that even if one girl had learned about the importance of church then our seminar was effective," said Gamma Chi member Shawanna Moberg.

The organization hopes to be able to hold other events, such as a church fair, to promote local church involvement. "I think committed church involvement is an area in which a lot of Cedarville students are lacking, and it is important that we do something about it," said Grimm.

International Students Undergo Holiday Dilemma

Sarah Frohberg
Contributing Writer

For Cedarville students, the Thanksgiving holiday is more than a big meal or even a day of thanks – it is a week away from classes. Some students go home and, while others, because of time, distance, money, or the looming finals week, choose not to go home. International students and missionary kids usually visit other family members that reside in the States or go home with a friend or roommate. Since Thanksgiving is not an international holiday, it does not have the traditional significance in Portugal, Nigeria, Japan, or the Ukraine.

Filip Quina and Tesha Seabra, both from Portugal, did not go

home for Thanksgiving break. Since Quina has attended many MK schools, he has friends all over the United States. He spent Thanksgiving break with a good friend, Aaron Kreider, in Pennsylvania. He intends to spend Christmas with his family and pastor from Portugal in Idaho, and he hopes that his little brother will be able to fly over to join him for the holidays.

Seabra, senior nursing major and president of the international students organization, stayed at her apartment with Kike Kolawole in Cedarville for Thanksgiving break, though Seabra will be spending Thanksgiving day in Columbus with her brother and sister-in-law. She plans to stay at her brothers' for Christmas break as well, since it

is too expensive to fly home, and because she has to work at the hospital during both breaks. Kolawole, who is from Nigeria, will probably spend Christmas with her older brother in Tennessee.

Likewise, instead of going home, senior Motoi Ishikawa stayed with Rebekah Huffman in northern Ohio. She hopes to make it home to Japan for Christmas. Andrey Arkhipov, just back from the Ukraine, opted to spend Thanksgiving break with friends. Like most students, he wanted to take the opportunity to get away from campus for a while.

For most MKs, it is impossible to celebrate the traditional Thanksgiving with their immediate family. Most have extended

family that they plan to spend the holidays with; others spend their breaks with friends from all over the United States.

Sarah Snare and Laura Holzmann, both senior nursing majors, spent the break at Snare's grandparents' house in Bluffton, Ohio since their families are serving in Brazil and Germany, respectively. John-Mark Sheppard, whose parents serve in Cote d'Ivoire (The Ivory Coast), stayed with his roommate. Becky White, from Guam, stayed with fellow chapel checker Janine Mitchell who lives just outside of Cedarville. White plans to go home to Guam for Christmas.

Mike Moon and Todd and Timothy Linden spent their break on campus reading, relax-

ing, and working. Moon is waiting for his Visa so he can spend Christmas with his family in Moscow. The Lindens will probably spend Christmas with their family, who are on furlough from the Philippines.

In addition to international students and MKs, there are some students who decided to stay on campus to get some work done and study for finals. Sophomores David Frohberg and Jasmine Ferdula, of Kansas and New York respectively, decided to stay at school to do homework and different chores around the theater in preparation for the winter play, "Steel Magnolias." They both spent Thanksgiving day with Ferdula's roommate, Missy Hunt, and her family, who lives in Cedarville.

Viewpoints

ABC: A Blessing Countdown With Culpepper

Ryan Culpepper
Contributing Writer

In the past, this column has been criticized for being, at times, a little negative and even cynical. Now, it is the opinion page, so I don't apologize for that, but at the request of my roommate, who is tired of hate messages on our answering machine and coming off the heels of Thanksgiving, I thought I might reassure you all that it isn't wrong to write a *positive* opinion column. So, because I am also obsessive-compulsive about lists, here are 26 reasons to be thankful you go to Cedarville . . . one for each letter of the alphabet.

Alford Auditorium – By far the most under-appreciated building on campus. It used to be a gym, then a theater, now just *really* far away, but for anyone who has ever spent time poking around the never-ending basements and attics, no building carries more character and history. The rest of you can complain about the walk; I'll keep registering for good ol' Room 107.

Bread Lady – A Cedarville icon and one helpful lady. Sure, they've taken the bread line out from under her care, but she'll still thoughtfully remind you that "you might want to hold your tray up" to the Mexican bar. I don't know how she works her magic with the vegetarian vegetable soup, and I don't want to know. I just hope she keeps on working it.

Christ is All I Need – Yeah, I agree that some of the incessant "harmonizers" could tone it down a bit, but after all the speakers I've sat through at Cedarville, I've still never seen a better way to end chapel.

Dandelions – Dr. Dixon, if you're reading this, they're God's creations, they're beautiful, and we will never give up

the fight for their freedom to blossom on our campus!

Egg Strada – What is this stuff? I've asked around; no one's quite sure. But then again, no one's complaining when they see it alongside the sausage and shells in the home cooking line, either.

Fahrenheit – Juniors and seniors, I think you would agree with me that no college campus is complete without a resident boy band, and we're all feeling a little empty without our favorite.

Giants in the Land – Nothing says "Welcome to the 'Ville" like Pastor Rohm's annual Getting Started Weekend sermon. Add special music by Willy Shelton and a video from Jim Kragel, and your mom will be reaching for the Kleenex.

Hot Shots – Be it turkey or roast beef, they'll warm you inside and out on a gray wintry day.

International Children's Choir – Though we are many, we really *are* one body, aren't we? I keep hearing rumors that these kids are going to be back this year, and I'm crossing myself, hoping they're true. Pablo from the Philippines, come back to us!

Janelle Criner – From conference worship leader to Steppin' Up alto to sword-wielding Pirate Queen, she's everyone's favorite chapel singer, and she's got soul, too.

Ketchum, Robert – If you've taken "God and the Church," you know this name . . . let's give Bob some credit. Thanks for the GARBC, and thanks for the material for the much-loved *Portrait of Obedience* paper.

Lion of Judah – Okay, obviously this song is great, but I think we could use some new verses. I submitted one last year, but we've never sung it! If you want to hear it, please write to Mr. Mike DiCircui . . . Come on,

Mr. D., winter Bible conference?

Meat Market – I have to say, this venerable little strip of sidewalk has seen new life this year. Increased nightly activity and a few spats of inter-dorm controversy have put the Printy-Lawlor pathway back in the news, and I couldn't be more pleased.

Nursing Majors – Call me crazy, but nothing makes my heart glad like seeing all these girls rushing around in their clean, pressed scrubs on clinical days. Along with ROTC, they're my favorite costumed campus group.

Open House – Forget the decorations, and forget the fact that at any other college this wouldn't be nearly as rare or thrilling. Here at Cedarville, we get pretty excited about having girls up to our rooms. Get out your cameras, folks, this is the last time this year, so enjoy while you can.

Pick-a-dates – There's never enough food, they're usually too long, and you might end up in polyester your date picked out for you at Goodwill, but it's still a little flattering to be invited, and (at least for fall quarter) just the idea of this campus institution will keep you accepting.

Quality Stamped All Over It – Sorry, SGA, but I'm still refusing to adopt that mocking 'Kw.' It's a great slogan, and although there are still a few things on campus waiting to be "stamped," I think it's a "quality" idea to shoot for.

RAs, RDs, Room checks – Okay, the room checks part is a joke, but seriously, I think our school has put together an incredible staff of RDs and RAs.

Shelby – She sings the national anthem at the top of her lungs, dances ballet in the aisles, plays dead in the tray line, and will warm up and talk to anyone at a nearby table. We all know and love Shelby from her escapades

in Chuck's, which she visits with energy-packed frequency. Hey, sometimes she wants to go where everybody knows her name. We're not complaining.

TRC – And, yes, it is *still* the TRC. None of this APP or ATRC business holds any weight in my book. But, really, what other building can you use as leverage on a computer-hogging roommate? There's so much drama in announcing, "I *have* to get some work done. I'm going to the TRC."

Under the Clock – Remember when that used to be the chic place to meet your friends when eating in old Chuck's? Now all we have is "Meet you at the coatroom." I'd like to start meeting under the clock again, just for the fun of it.

Voices of Diversity – Cedarville's fan favorite Global Awareness/ Humanities elective, and the only class where you can "take a walk" for diversity, or try to make the wolves howl during a lecture.

Women's Choir – No large grouping of college women can be a bad thing, really, but these girls can sing. Nothing gets to

me like seeing them all sign in unison to "My Lips Will Praise You," another chapel institution I hope never goes away.

Xidong Chen – So, there weren't an abundance of choices for X, but who doesn't love Cedarville's newest professor from China? I for one am considering adding a Physics major just to get a few classes with him.

You Have a Box – The four most blessed words that can appear in your email box, and a pretty good prank, too, if you can figure out how to type "University Post Office" in place of your name.

Zero – The number of letter "P" (see above) that my roommate and I have resolved to go on for the rest of the year. Okay, I really couldn't think of a Z.

But, seriously, criticisms that you may read in my editorials aside, I really am so thankful to be a student at Cedarville University, and I hope you all are, too.

Have a great holiday, and come January, controversy will return to this column, I promise.

Young's Jersey Dairy

- A Working Farm
- Two Restaurants
- Homemade Ice Cream
- Petting Zoo
- Friendly Service
- Two Gift Shops
- Homemade Donuts
- Udders & Putters Miniature Golf
- Catered Group Picnics
- Great Sandwiches
- Covered & Heated Tee Driving Range
- Great Study Break!



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Just
Family
Fun at
Young's!

- Best Milkshake in Ohio (*Ohio Magazine*)
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Viewpoints

Are Americans Willing To Forfeit Freedoms For Safety?

Kimberly Edlund
Contributing Writer

In the past two months, Congress, the President, and American citizens have debated the idea of civil liberties and whether or not Americans should be prepared to surrender their Constitutional rights. Several polls taken in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks show that Americans are ready to forfeit their freedoms in pursuit of a safer society. As American citizens, should we be willing to allow our rights to be lessened in order to obtain a more secure country?

A poll taken by CNN, USA Today, and Gallup showed that 86 percent of the American public is in support of new security procedures at airports and public buildings, including a mandatory "check-in" in public buildings that would require visitors to show identification before entering. The same poll showed that only 33 percent favored

laws making it easier for legal authorities to read mail or e-mail, or tap phones without the person's knowledge. Only 29 percent of Americans support allowing police to randomly stop people on the street to search their possessions.

However, if this poll had been conducted one year ago, most likely all the percentages would be much lower than they are now, as the American public is unwilling — under normal circumstances — to surrender their Constitutional rights.

Obviously, certain measures must be taken in order to secure the U.S. against more attacks. On Oct. 26, President George Bush signed a counter-terrorism bill that gives law enforcement great range in searching out terrorists and arresting them. This bill passed through the Senate with only one dissenting vote, that of Democrat Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, who said that the bill gives the federal government

too much power that could be used against citizens as well as noncitizens.

One of the major controversial issues with the bill is that it allows federal agents to search property with a warrant from a federal judge without notifying the owner. It also allows judges to issue nationwide search warrants compelling internet service providers to turn over e-mail messages sent to, and received by, suspected terrorists.

The Constitution of the United States, specifically the Bill of Rights, guarantees in Amendment IV the right to privacy in personal affairs by disallowing "unreasonable search and seizures" without "probable cause" and without specific warrants stating what is being searched and seized.

By forfeiting these rights and enforcing laws that take away these fundamental rights of the individual, Americans would be losing a part of who they are.

Student Faces

Daniel
Brewin
Junior
CE Youth



Nicknames: Boo, High Maintenance, Baboon, Glass Eye

Sibs? Tim, 26; John, 24; Steve, 22

What has been your favorite memory here at Cedarville? It involves Kevin Batista in the buff and a vacuum

When the food at Chuck's is less than appealing, what do you do to feed yourself? Circus Peanuts

Who is your favorite chapel speaker and why? Dr. Miller, because he can relate to us as students.

What is the funniest thing you ever remember being said in chapel? Ms. Porter singing, "Are you ready for SGA chapel?" dressed as a Viking. That was quality.

Who has been the most influential person in your life and why? My dad — because of his example.

What is your favorite line from a song? "I'm a Barbie girl in a Barbie world."
Barbie Girl by Aqua

What is a song that often gets stuck in your head? The Link to CU song — Hey if it is good enough for P. Rohm, then it is good enough for me.

What is one thing you have done, that you would never do again but would recommend to someone else to try? Shooting a nail through your fingers.

What is your most embarrassing moment? When I was ten I went to my brothers' soccer game and I thought I had put shorts on underneath my sweatpants . . . I didn't. And when I went to take off my sweatpants because I was hot, I got more of a draft than I expected. But the crowd got a good laugh.

If you could recommend any class at Cedarville, what would it be and why? Personal Evangelism because it challenged me in every area of my life.

If you could take anything (other than the Bible) on a deserted island, what would you take and why? Vanilla Ice — Greatest Hits CD

What one word would you want printed on your tombstone? Defenestrating

If you could meet anyone you wanted, who would you meet, and why? Jonathan Edwards — I would like to pick his brain.

What do you appreciate most about Cedarville? The family atmosphere

If you could change one rule here at Cedarville, what would it be? No dressing deer in shower stalls. Seriously, I think we would get a lot more applicants if we dropped this rule.

Shy Boy

by Greg Sellers

I wait for my shadow to forget me,
to take on that one phantom step that I keep
from taking. I wait for the simple flash
of a dancer's spat upon this mind's lonely oval
illuminated on the surface of some
windless pond or slew. And the old soft-shoe
practices to get it right, hush-hush-hush

in its constant audition of sawdust.
Even this choreography of useless wishing is not enough to keep tonight
from becoming nothing more than some floor's forgotten routine where faded, numbered
dance-steps silently waltz themselves away. The orchestra's now ready to Faure
into the evening's last song while I try

to convince myself to cross this room for the first time all night and rinse what's left in some debutante's silver sequined waterfall, hope keeling hopelessly
ever closer to the edge. Across the floor other couples sashay on. A tin flask empties itself from asking, the shadow's last chance now wasted in some chandelier's dim lust.

Viewpoints

Kleptomaniacs Nab Bibles, Steal Apples From Chuck's

Rob Chestnut
Contributing Writer

Raindrops keep falling on my head . . . because some jerk swiped my umbrella.

Before I begin, I would like to remind everyone of the Ten Commandments. Maybe you have heard of them; I hear they are important. Well, apparently, some students are not aware of these Ten Commandments. Maybe you think there are only a few, or maybe just nine, because some people have forgotten an old favorite of mine, "Thou shalt not steal." Sound familiar?

The reason I have decided to address this issue is because of the raving number of kleptomaniacs on campus. (That's just a big word for petty felons.) Actually, I'm just doing all of this for personal revenge and another chance to vent. Last week, during the only real rainstorm of the year, a certain young person apparently forgot their umbrella before heading out that morning. Due to my schedule I was able to realize the rain was coming and borrowed my roommate's umbrella.

So when I dropped my umbrella off in the coatroom, or the Den of Robbers as I now call it, I never thought for a minute that it would be in danger. However, the other person, (who likes to take advantage of others, has bad breath, and probably wouldn't be a very nice person if you met them) thought otherwise.

I'm sure that as I walked into Chuck's, he/she spotted me across the room and said to him/herself, "Look at that really nice, and very handsome — I'm sure he'd make a great boyfriend — guy walking in. He's totally dry!

Hmm..." Then this person, who tripped an old lady and then stole, not one, but two, apples from Chuck's, slithered his/her way out of lunch.

Who knew that as I sat down to enjoy my lunch with my Christian friends, engaged in a time of pure fellowship, my very own, black, about two to three feet long, Totes umbrella with auto-locking mechanism and wind-resistant design, would be stolen from me?

While they danced off into the rain knowing that they would be dry, I suffered alone for the rest of the day, and eventually I caught pneumonia and a Cedar-Cold, my dog died, I failed a test, and I got stood up.

Okay, so I made that last part up. But stealing is bad. Yes, that's right, it's stealing, not temporarily borrowing or whatever else you want to call it. It's stealing. And the fact that you were too lazy to check the weather.com site to see if it was going to rain does not give you access to my stuff, or anyone else's. This crime spree has got to end; little

mafia wannabes swipe books, music, boxes, bikes, shirts, and gloves, even Bibles.

Or maybe I'm looking at this the wrong way. Maybe I should be more willing and free with my things. I mean the early church shared things with each other, and everyone lived in harmony. I'm sure that when Peter needed a new tunic he just walked right into the coatroom at the synagogue and swiped the first one he saw. Yeah, that's the ticket.

So in that light, let me apologize to my unknown assailant and let them know that if there is anything else they need, just come and get it. Like my wallet for instance, you can just take it when I set it down to save a seat.

Or maybe my tuition money, just call me for my account number and password, it's all yours. Or how about a kidney, you could jump me when I'm not looking and cut it out of me, and hey, while you are at it why not take my conscience, because apparently, you don't have one.

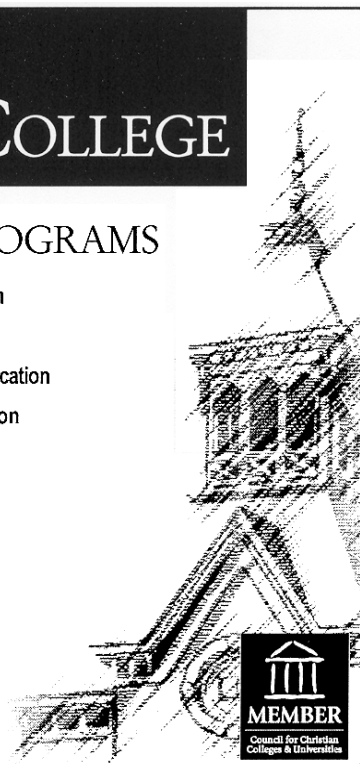
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Cedar Faces

Michael
Dorsey

*Coordinator of
Intercultural
Recruitment*



What does your job entail? I assist the director of admissions in the area of minority recruitment. I take Cedarville to places where people haven't encountered it before.

What animal do you consider yourself most similar to? A bear

What book are you currently reading? *Desecration* by Tim LaHaye

If you were a contestant on Survivor III in Africa, what would you have taken as your luxury item? A picture of my family

Describe your favorite Christmas memory. The last Christmas I got to spend with my grandma — it was the Christmas before she died.

What is the best Christmas gift you have ever received? My Lego set when I was ten. I'd gotten Legos before but this was the *big* set. I still have it.

If your life was a documentary, what would the title be? Never A Dull Moment

What is the most frustrating aspect of your job? Ignorance — when people don't quite understand what is going on. What I do is such a touchy issue; it's easy for people to misinterpret what's happening.

Who is your hero? My dad, because of his unselfish love for me. He's the one that made me who I am today.

In your opinion, what is the best song of all time? "As," by Stevie Wonder

What one word best describes you? Variety

Where is your ideal vacation spot? Somewhere warm and tropical with access to roller coasters and a full-service spa.

If you were in charge of planning a skit for SGA chapel, what would the topic be? I'd just do a fashion show.

If you could ask Dr. Dixon one question, what would it be? Can I borrow the Jag?

Viewpoints

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

In response to Ryan Culpepper’s article “Christianity Does Not Necessitate Conservatism,” I am convinced that it does. Certainly there are some positive things about liberalism, but the negatives heavily outweigh these. I find it hard to believe that a Christian can stand up in defense of liberalism, which has a long list of crimes laid to its charge. Among these are the support of abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, homosexual marriage, casual sex, “value free” sex education, and “values clarification” education. Certainly not all liberals support these measures, but very many more liberals than conservatives do. I agree that a two party system and partisan debate are beneficial, but only when the two parties are debating about issues that are not morally charged. As long as most liberals support the issues I listed above, I pray my pastor disapproves of liberalism and isn’t afraid to say so from the pulpit.

Finally, with regards to our former president, Bill Clinton, thank God he is no longer the leader of our nation. Therefore, the biblical injunction to honor and pray for our leaders does not apply to him. As a human being created in God’s image he retains a certain amount of respect, but his consistently immoral behavior has robbed him of any respect I might give him for personal character. He has none. I cannot respect a man who equivocates about what the word “is” means. The man has made a joke of himself. If public criticism of Mr. Clinton irritates the writer, I suggest that he take the step he said the majority of Cedarville students would do if someone criticized President Bush: get up and walk out.

Amy Belding

Dear Editor:

My roommate and I were shocked by Ryan Culpepper’s recent article entitled “Christianity Does Not Necessitate Conservatism.” This article contained several logical errors, and historical inaccuracies. It does not appear that Mr. Culpepper did any amount of research into this topic. The evidence given is not sufficient to prove his point.

First, Mr. Culpepper gives us an abundance of incorrect information. The founding fathers of our country did not “believe strongly in a two party system.” They did not create the two-party system. This information is easily gathered by perusing the U.S. Constitution, and other relevant primary sources. Even if this was true, it has no relevance or logical connection with his thesis. Furthermore, Mr. Culpepper cites Jimmy Carter as an excellent Christian who is not conservative. Jimmy Carter’s Christianity is questionable. He is well known for his support of homosexuality, ordination of women and homosexuals, and his stance on abortion, as well as his belief of the fallibility of Scripture. It is very doubtful whether the average Cedarville student would find President Carter as an example of a fine Christian.

Secondly, Ryan suggests that the pulpit should not support any political viewpoints or discuss the character of government officials. This creates a dichotomy between our spiritual and political lives. Cedarville University stresses that biblical principles should inform all aspects of our lives. No area is exempt from the scrutiny of the Lord Jesus Christ, including politics.

Finally, the article is full of loaded language that is not useful for meaningful dialogue. He does not delineate between moral, social, and economic conservatism. Christians certainly do not have to be economic or socially conservative, but moral conservatism is the only viable option in light of the mandates of Scripture and the holiness of God.

Jason Webb and Drew Carroll

Letters Welcome

Cedars welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be e-mailed to the Cedars account by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday following the last publication. Please type “Letters to the Editor” in the subject line of all e-mails. Letters should be less than 250 words; all are subject to editing. Because of limited space we cannot guarantee that all letters will be printed.

Dear Editor:

In response to Ryan Culpepper’s article, “Christianity Does Not Necessitate Conservatism,” I noted several significant misconceptions. First, while I certainly don’t agree with “slamming liberals,” making astute observations and honest commentary is far from “slamming” or “pushing politics.” This article seemed to advocate that Cedarville students leave politics in the political realm; on the contrary, the Bible teaches Christians to integrate Scriptural truth into every area, politics included (II Tim. 3:16).

Arguing that politics should be kept separate from our faith is to promote a false dichotomy. In fact, Scripture has much to say about the agenda promoted by the Democratic party, including advocacy for abortion rights (even of the partial birth variety), the normalization of homosexuality, and restriction of religious freedom, especially Christianity, to list a few. The article argued for a balance between both parties for Christians. However, we should never seek a balance concerning views that directly contradict the Bible. Just because Jimmy Carter was a Christian does not mean I have to support his anti-biblical views, such as his pro-abortion stance.

Yes, the church does need to have unity, but unity must not include the compromise of basic Christian doctrines. While the subject of political parties is not specifically addressed in the Bible, neither are subjects such as dating or entertainment choices. However, few would argue that scripture does not speak to these areas. No political party or orientation is perfect, but the Republican/ conservative position is indisputably more closely aligned with Scripture than the Democratic/ liberal stance.

Laurie Rost

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Carrie Stuenzi’s critique of my article on Incubus from the Nov. 2 issue of Cedars. I’m compelled to prove that no information in the article was assumed, naïve, misunderstood, or hypothesized. Descriptions of lyrical content can be quickly verified by reading the words to the songs. It is necessary to clarify my points so there is no ambiguity and no one else mislead.

Stuenzi claims that I suggest a parallel to Christian ideals, and in this aspect she is confused. Lyrically, Incubus can be described by unity and reflection, but not with Christian ideals. The article reads, “it is clear that Christianity is not their guiding principle or practice. Still, their mostly positive lyrics and emphasis on unity and reflection parallel Christian ideals.” It was a simple comparison of much of their lyrical content as a secular band to many of the standards of the believer, not the total inclusion of said standards within the band. It was a matter of semantics that mislead this reader.

With this said, it is clear that there is no contradiction of the name and belief of the group. Stuenzi’s definition of the word “Incubus” is valid, but it is the right of any individual or group to be called what they choose, even if it doesn’t accommodate our faith. It is not the conduct of a Christian to judge a book by its cover, or a musical group by its name.

Kasey Neff

The Cellar (notes on entertainment and culture)

Oysterhead Joins Experience With Experimentation

Michael Di Cuirci Jr.
Contributing Writer

If you are into strange sounds, weird music, and off-the-wall lyrics, then you are going to love Oysterhead's first album, "The Grand Pecking Order."

Oysterhead is a band comprised of Trey Anastasio, guitarist and singer from the jam-band Phish; Les Claypool, bass virtuoso who has been the mainstay and leader of the band Primus and recently toured on the jam-band scene with his Fearless Flying Frog Brigade; and Stuart Copeland, former Police drummer, also known for his film scores.

The band first joined together when Claypool called Anastasio and Copeland about a one-night jam session at last year's New Orleans Jazz Festival. That session led to the idea of an album and accompanying tour.

Although "The Grand Pecking Order" is not average pop music, it is still a very musically



Oysterhead's album, blends years of experience with musical experimentation.

strong album. The culmination of three radically different types and styles of music is balanced, and each member's individual musical style is evident. Claypool lays down his unmistakable bass lines,

Anastasio still belts out his textbook Phish solos, and Copeland keeps his drum beats solid.

"The Grand Pecking Order" runs the gamut of musical experimentation and styles. The

band borrows jazz harmonies and plays with atonality. The musicians have mastered grooves in their syncopated funk tune, "Army's on Ecstasy." They even encompass ethereal songs such as "Radon Balloon" and "Wield the Spade." They also have plenty of driving rock as well as a country-influenced song. The album is both musically diverse and interesting.

The purpose of this record seems to be mere entertainment. It is an amusing album with fun lyrics and fun music.

Unless Oysterhead is speaking in incredibly intricate metaphors, this album is almost completely void of meaningful lyrics, a characteristic of most Phish and Primus songs. An example is their song "Little Faces," which says: "In the dawn when my toes are cold/ They spread their little trinkets of the ground/ In The hall by the closet door/ They crept into my bed with out a sound/ On a cube in a plastic egg/ A hundred fabric figures in

a pile/ See them march toward me in a line, and dance across the floor in single file."

In the song "Mr. Oysterhead," Claypool even makes light of their lyrics when he sings, "I remember back in the day when music folk had a lot to say."

Meaninglessness in entertainment is a hallmark of our society. Kurt Cobain set a cultural precedent in 1992 when he said, "Here we are, now entertain us," and nothing has changed since then.

We still love our mindless entertainment. When confronted with real problems, people turn to entertainment as a method of escape.

This album gives a good picture of three incredible musicians who have found meaning in their talents but have ignored it in their words and thoughts. It also shows how our society, even if not mainstream pop-culture, is perfectly comfortable with being served nothing of substance and enjoying it.

Harry Potter Hype Rekindles Childhood Nostalgia

Charlie Shifflett
Lead Writer

In case you haven't noticed, the Mighty Morphing Power Rangers are out, Pokemon's migrating back to Japan, and Harry Potter no longer lives exclusively inside the pages of J. K. Rowling's best-selling books — he's on the big screen, and on the shelves of department stores everywhere.

Need some winter pajamas? Try on a pair of blue, flannel ones patterned with lightning bolts and magic wands. Hungry? Buy a pouch of Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans and sample a few flavors — grass, buttered toast, sardine, and chocolate pudding, just to name a few. Or, if you're dying for a new look, pick up a

pair of black, circular-rimmed Harry Potter prescription eyeglasses.

As I waited in line for an opening night showing of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," I thought back to my days of building Micro Machine cities and Lincoln Log cabins, to my Duck Tales pajamas and G. I. Joe underwear. Yeah, I was exactly like the little girl to my right who sported a jean-jacket with the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry seal printed on the back, just like the little boy dressed from head to toe in Potterphernalia — the black wizard's cap, the round glasses, the long, flowing robe, the thin wand.

The line finally began moving, and within minutes hundreds of people had cozied themselves into

the padded theater seats, eager for the show to begin. Admittedly, I felt a bit of excitement inside me — kind of like the familiar, childlike anticipation of opening a pack of baseball cards. I had read the first three Harry Potter books and thoroughly enjoyed them; although not on the literary level of C. S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*, Rowling's lighthearted humor had hooked me. And so did the movie's hype.

I hadn't planned to see the movie, fearing — like any book-to-movie — that the cinematic version would upend everything I'd liked about the printed narrative. I wanted Harry Potter to be Rowling's creation and my interpretation — not a movie director's re-creation. While the movie opened to mixed reviews,

its record box office turnout on the opening weekend, and its faithfulness to the book, will likely make it a smashing success, at least among the younger population who naturally gravitate to the accessible character Harry Potter, an orphan claimed for a higher purpose.

It is this little orphan and the story surrounding him that draws criticism from Christians today. We are concerned about the books' portrayal of wizards and witches, how the stories' elements will affect the elementary and junior high kids who read them — and rightly so.

Last year, our University's student organization Tau Delta Kappa sponsored a forum on Harry Potter and Christianity to discuss the series and its implications. Among those on the

panel discussing the issue was Dr. James Bjornstad, professor of philosophy, who acknowledged that significant parts of the series contain Wiccan elements. Yet, it was the unanimous conclusion of the panel that the books not be burned at the stake, but that they be considered for discretionary enjoyment and for opportunities to bridge into the lives of children who read them.

Unfortunately, we Christians often run from the very things that could help to communicate biblical truth to unbelievers. While some Christians refuse to read even a thoughtful review on the books — instead taking that time to forward friends ridiculous e-mails about J. K. Rowling conspiring with the devil, kids in their ministry or next door are reading the books avidly, en-

Harry Potter

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grossed by their fantasy, by their depiction of another world — a better world, in some cases. Bjornstad said that when speaking with kids, he often alludes to the series as a means to lead into the Gospel, its theology of individual worth and purpose, of a loving God, of a promised heaven.

While there is certainly room for disagreement among Christians regarding this series (some parents will prohibit their children from reading the books, while others will read the books

along with their kids and use them as a tool), it is also imperative that our rationale is sound, that we don't base our approval or disapproval on urban legends and misinformed friends.

Over Christmas break, get to know the orphan who's been adopted by millions of kids in America and Europe. Treat yourself to the movie or curl up by the tree with the book, remembering what it was like to be a kid. Then strike up a conversation with a child in your neighborhood: you've got an adoption story too — how you, an orphan, became royalty, a child of the King.

Intercollegiate

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Jaala Smith from Central State University said, "At our school we have all types of religions, and we have debates because people have different views but we [try to be] open-minded and learn other people's cultures and views and thoughts."

This is not to say that the Cedarville students should not share their beliefs with students from the other schools; however, it will not be the primary focus. Instead, the focus will be on friendships with people who have different views and on gaining "real-world" relationships.

"We have a rather shallow mindset concerning the world around us," Martin said. "We often talk about changing our culture with Christlike compassion, but I don't think many of us know the first way to show love to those around us without shoving the Gospel down their

throats." Through the activities planned by the council, students will be able to interact with each other on different cultural, religious, and ethnic bases.

While the council is still in the beginning stages, committee members from the six schools will be meeting to decide such things as the structure, name, and mission statement of the council. Once fully formed, the council itself will begin to plan activities designed to bring students from the different schools together. Some of the activities will be invitations to attend a special function at one of the schools (i.e. theater productions, concerts) and some will be open events (i.e. forums, bowling).

"We're doing something new. America doesn't have something like this, where schools of such differing philosophies come together," said Zelenka. "I think it's time for Cedarville to do this."

Smith said, "I am very excited and emotionally ready to become partners with [the other schools], and I will definitely be trying to get my school ready for this."

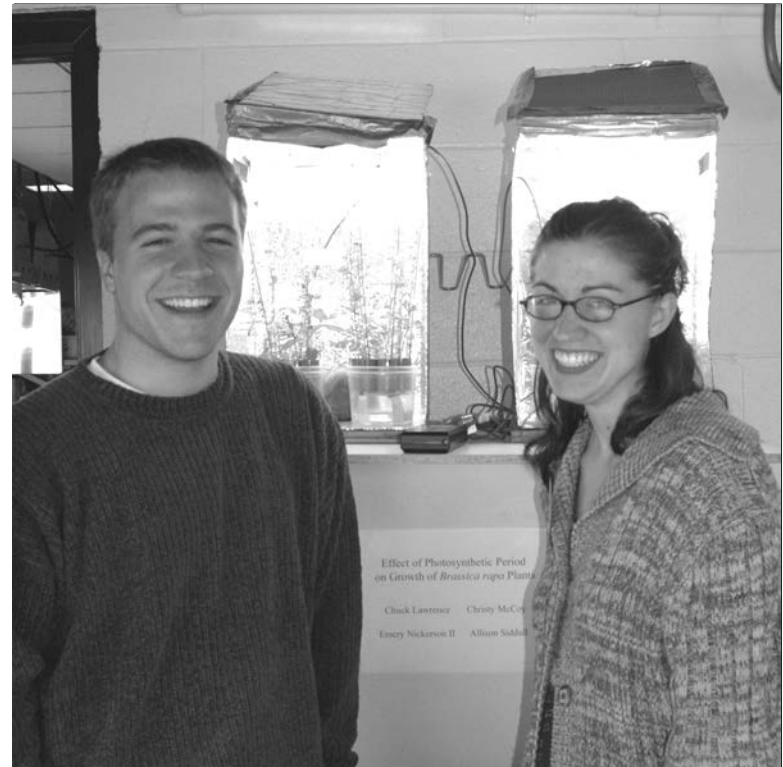
High School Students Visit For Math And Science Day

Elizabeth Prommel
Contributing Writer

For the fifth annual Science and Math Day on Nov. 17, over 120 people visited Cedarville University to get a feel for college life, specifically the science and math departments. The day's activities were directed by Jason Atwell, assistant director of admissions, and William Jones, assistant professor of biology.

During the morning hours, visitors were able to tour the campus, browse the University bookstore, and eat brunch at Chuck's. The day officially started with a formal introduction at 12:30 p.m. After that, several classrooms were open for prospective students to visit and ask questions.

Clint Stenger was one of the many Cedarville students who presented their class projects and answered questions during the open house. He said, "It's a great opportunity to share what we've been learning with prospective students and share what our



C. Lawrence and C. McCoy presented their photosynthesis study. W. Jenks/ Cedars

Cedarville experience has been like and encourage them in their college pursuit."

Later in the afternoon, visitors attended presentations on financial aid and specific majors. The final presentation was the high-

light of the day for many, with demonstrations dealing with fire and explosions.

Amanda Magnuson, a high school senior who visited, said, "I feel more comfortable about coming here now."

MIS Christmas

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the kids that need the molding of God in their lives," said Flunker.

The other team is bound for warmer climates and opportunities to minister, as well. University photographer Scott Huck is leading a team to South Africa, his first trip to that country but his sixth MIS experience. They will be doing large and small-scale construction, like the Eleuthera team. But during their ministry in South Africa, they will also be assisting the Bethesda Outreach in their baby ministry.

Huck will be traveling with six students. To prepare, Huck is leading his team in weekly meetings. "Several of the team members knew each other before being on the team," which helped the team bond quickly, said Huck.

"From our time together and prayer time, it is evident that the students are mature in Christ and have a heart for service. I do not believe that this will be an easy trip. We may be stretched at times, but I do believe that we will come away from the trip stronger and have a clearer picture of missions," Huck said.

Senior Kevin Dougherty, a member of the South Africa team, said, "One thing that I do think is cool is that we are all giving of ourselves and offering our time and effort to really help spread the Word of God."

Dougherty believes that mental preparation is even more crucial than physical preparation, despite the team's construction emphasis. "We, as a team, and I, need to realize that without God, none of this would be possible. God gave us the abilities to do the physical labor we are going to do, and I need to be careful to not get proud and ex-

cited at what I can do. It is all God."

Dougherty and his teammates are excited about the opportunity to get cross-cultural experience. "I have been watching the weather in Johannesburg and have read some about the history and culture of that city. I have never had the opportunity to be on an international missions team before so I am really excited," he said.

Finances are a stress for every Cedarville student, and budgeting in a mission's trip is no easy task. "We were told to simply trust and to pray about the support money coming in and to watch how God answers prayer. It has been amazing," Linafelter said.

Flunker said, "God can do not only the impossible but far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine. MIS says they've never seen financial gifts arrive like they have for this team."

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Sports

Women Runners Claim NAIA Championship

Jen Jones
Contributing Writer

This past weekend, the women's cross country team led Cedarville to its first ever NAIA national championship. Their victory completed a season full of success, and the team ended the year as American Midwest Conference champions, NCCAA champions, and now, NAIA champions.

Junior Erin Nehus led the Lady Jackets to their NAIA victory, placing third individually with a time of 18:16. Joining her in All-American honors were Jennifer Tetrick, who placed 12th, and Heidi Wright, placing 29th. Also running were teammates Sarah Roberts, Kim McNeilance, Abigail Winburn, and Jen Roman, who, together, totaled 147 points.

Having ended last year with an AMC title, the women came into this season with much to live up to. They were given a No. 2 ranking in the NAIA, beginning the long season on a pressured note. "I think everyone felt pressure at one point or another,"

said Wright. "In one sense, being ranked so highly throughout the season was super encouraging. On the other hand, it added a lot of pressure."

Wright added that though fatigue is always another challenge, their team found strength in team unity and focus, with each runner striving to do well personally, but more importantly, to succeed as a team. "I was a million times more excited about winning the team championship than about my own race," she said.

Team strength, unity, and focus can all be summed up in their motto: "Run for Him." "It is that simple," said Wright. "Our goal is to glorify Him by doing our best, and I think God just completely blessed our hard work this season and protected us from injury and sickness."

With this past weekend's race at hand, Coach Elvin King explained that they "committed the meet to the Lord before it started and were willing to accept the results whatever they were."

King, who has been head coach for the CU women's cross



The women's cross country team begins the NAIA race W. Jenks/ Cedars

country team for 33 years, received high honor this season, as he was voted NAIA National Coach of the Year. However, he attributes all of his success to his runners. "These women are

great," he said. "Each one of them is special, and they are the ones that need to get the credit for the season. Coach of the Year only comes when you have athletes of the year."

Joining him in ongoing honor was Nehus, who was just named NCCAA student-athlete of the week, after finishing the season with an individual championship title for the AMC, the NCCAA, and her third place finish this past weekend. She, too, gives much credit to her teammates and their relationship as a team. "My experience on the cross country team for the last three years is just really becoming close to all the girls on the team as not only teammates but as my best friends. I think this year especially, we pulled together and truly learned how to work as one," Nehus said.

With so much success, the women are looking towards another great season next year. "We have the talent to be very competitive again next year," said King. "But we will not allow that to become a pressure that takes the fun out of the season. We want every member of the team to have a great experience." If next season is anything like this one, the Lady Jackets can be sure they will enjoy both the team and the success.

Men's Soccer Takes Third In NCCAA Nationals

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Making their first appearance in the NCCAA national tournament since 1998, the Yellow Jackets men's soccer team earned third place at the tournament, held in Florida last week.

In the first of three games, No. 4 ranked Cedarville outshot No. 5 seed Western Baptist 14-3 to take the 1-0 win. Freshman Joe Zuerner scored his fourth goal of the season with an assist from freshman Brady Carter. Junior goalkeeper Matt Reid earned his eighth shutout of the season.

The second game presented a challenge for the Jackets, playing No. 1 seed Mid-Continent. Outshooting Cedarville 18-13, Mid-Continent emerged victorious with the score of 4-0. "It was disappointing to lose by so much to Mid-Continent. The game was a close game, and the results should have shown so," said Coach Ben Belleman.

The final game matched up Cedarville with No. 3 seed Gardner-Webb. Freshman midfielder Peter Dryer, assisted by senior Kurt Savage and sophomore Jon Waldo, scored the only goal of the regulation game. Ending in a 1-1 tie, the Yellow Jackets finally took the win after a fierce battle of penalty kicks.

Although disappointed by the loss to Mid-Continent, the team was pleased with their overall performance. "We entered into the tournament with a chance at winning it, though we knew there was some very hard competition. After our first win, we played a very talented team. We played them well the first half and had trouble the second. During the third game, we were down for most of it but came through at the end. I think that was a testimony to our team," said Savage.

Belleman said, "We wanted to win the first night so we could be in the winners bracket, and we did that. We wanted to com-



Steve Zarrilli heads the ball for CU, against Mount Vernon. W. Jenks/ Cedars

pete evenly with the best teams, and we did that. We wanted to represent the kind of team we were all season and represent Christ well, and we did that. We were voted the team with the best sportsmanship. The team played hard and did not quit, and this earned the respect from opposing teams and coaches."

Savage said, "As a senior, I couldn't have asked for a better way to finish off my soccer career than with this past season. We had a great season that will go down in Cedarville history. It's been fun. It's been exciting. It's been hard and rewarding. It's been a season I will always remember."

Senior Steve Zarrilli said, "I felt extremely content finishing my career with a season like we had."

It has been a wonderful experience to play for my high school coach [Belleman] and to be part of a team that was blessed with so much success."

Belleman said, "The team set numerous records as a team and as individuals, including most wins in a season. These accomplishments should not be taken lightly. They represent a large commitment on the part of the players in the face of tough or difficult circumstances."

The Yellow Jackets finished their season with a 16-6-2 overall record, setting a new school record for most wins in a season. Their third place finish at Nationals is the best finish since 1985.

To sum up the season, Radcliffe said, "This was a team that played with their hearts. It was a team of passion for the game and honoring Christ through the game."

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY MEMORY OR ACTIVITY?



"I love going with my family to the Christmas tree farm to pick out and cut down the perfect tree."

Sophomore CE Youth Major Erin Delp



"Definitely piling in the car with the family and traveling absurd distances to visit family."

Senior Biology Major Matt Garrett



"My favorite memory is my parents waking me and my brother up, when we were little, at midnight on Christmas Eve to read the conclusion of the Christmas story and to have hot chocolate and treats."

**Junior Elementary Education Major
Julia DeHart**



"Reading the Christmas story from Luke with my family is one of my favorite times."

Sophomore Social Work Major Melissa Wagner



"When I was a youth this big guy from town used to dress up like Santa and come to all the houses. My house was at the edge of town and by the time Santa got there he was a little extra "jolly." He made an interesting Santa and me and my cousins thought he was real and we loved it."

Senior Mechanical Engineering Major Cameron Stephen



"Eating fried turkey at my uncle's house in Indiana can't be beat. There's nothing better than a deep fried turkey."

**Freshman Mechanical Engineering Major
Ivan Davis**